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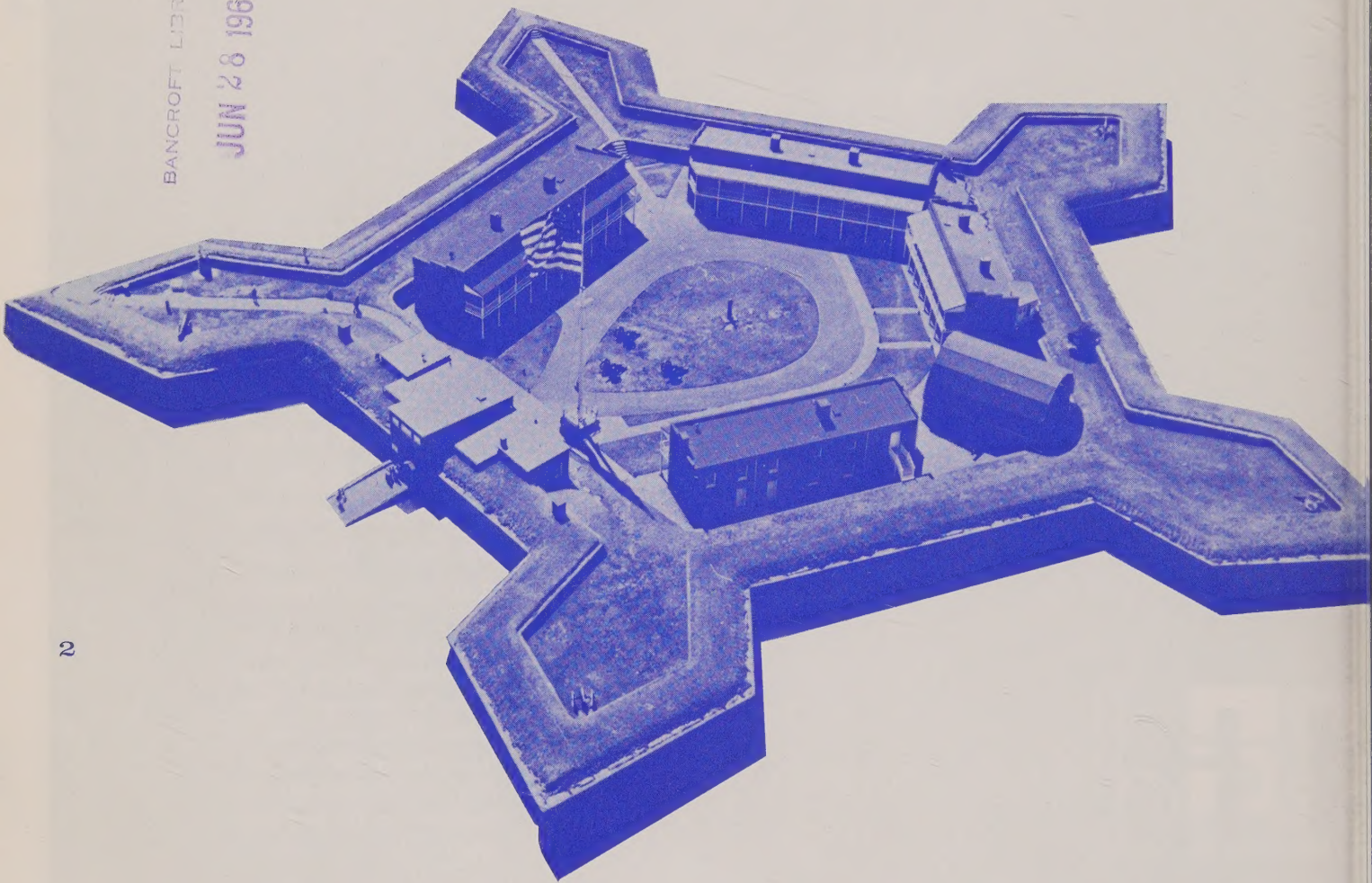
Fort McHenry National
Monument during night
patriotic observance. This
is one of the few sites in
the country where our
flag is authorized by
Congress to fly day and
night.

'By the Dawn

This shows star-shaped Fort McHenry National Monument, Baltimore, Md. It is one of America's most popular historic sites—the birthplace of the "Star-Spangled Banner" on September 13-14, 1814.

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by
Kelvin Wallace Coventry

BENEATH A CANOPY OF FLAGS—reflecting shining stars, sapphire blue, glowing red, and striving white—a young boy reminded an eager audience:

"I am an American, a free American;
Free to speak—without fear;
Free to worship my own God . . ."

How meaningful were these words as they were thrown into the air from the ramparts of Fort McHenry, Baltimore, while a teen-aged audience stood at attention. They had come to honor the "Star-Spangled Banner" on its 150th birthday.

"Though silent," the boy continued, "our flag speaks to us—of the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it."

Does Old Glory really have a voice? Of course it does—especially if you stand on the star-shaped ramparts of Fort McHenry and look out over busy Baltimore Harbor. It speaks to us of hopeful vision, crucial sacrifice, and true heroism.

It was at dawn on September 13, 1814, that 16 British warships swept confidently to the attack against the stout-walled fort blocking their capture of Baltimore. These same British veterans had just left Washington in flames.

What must have been the thoughts of the English naval captains as they launched their attack? They had been humiliated by the success of the Baltimore privateers—small, lightly armed vessels which had caused considerable damage to British shipping.

The British were out for revenge! They kept their ships beyond the range of the fort's guns and used their own powerful cannon to blast the outgunned American garrison crouching behind the walls.

This was no ordinary attack. The British kept up a withering fire for 25 hours. No less than 1,500 bombs, rockets and shells were directed at the fort. Could Fort McHenry hold out and save the city?

Early Light'

A "trapped" witness to the entire attack was lawyer Francis Scott Key. With John Skinner, federal agent for the exchange of prisoners, he had sailed from Baltimore, on a small vessel, and in the bay they met the British fleet.

The prisoner exchange was made, but Key was detained until after the attack was over. He witnessed the progress of the assault. He paced the decks of his vessel, the *Minden*, as blazing rockets streaked across the smoke-filled sky.

"The fort will withstand this attack," Key told his friends. "It must!"

The British guns continued to crash. Black smoke covered the harbor and the smell of burnt gun powder hung in the air. Key could see the huge shells kicking up fountains of spray around the gallant old fort.

"See!" Key would shout. "Old Glory is still flying from the ramparts. The fort is still holding its own."

Then night came. The British continued to fire. The fort still resisted. Shortly after midnight the firing suddenly ceased. Had Fort McHenry fallen? For Key it was a period of suspense and anxiety.

How significant was that moment of dawning. The sky to the east grayed gradually—oh, so slowly—then the pace of its lightening quickened and the first bright fingers of the morning came fighting through to pick out the red, white and blue banner.

"Our flag is still flying!" Key shouted. The inspired moment had arrived. On the back of a letter he started his immortal lines about the "bombs bursting in air" and the "rockets' red glare."

When the British abandoned the attack, they permitted the American prisoners to return to Baltimore. As Key came up the river, he completed a rough draft of his poem. At the inn that evening he made certain revisions, and the following day it was printed in handbill form and called the "Defense of Fort McHenry."

It wasn't long before the name was changed to "The Star-Spangled Banner." It seemed everyone was singing it. Not until 1931 did it officially become our National Anthem.

What became of the original flag that once survived the British shelling? In 1815 it was presented to Major George Armistead, commander of the fort during the attack. His descendants presented it to the Smithsonian in 1912, with this stipulation:

"That the flag never be removed for any reason, so that any American Citizen who visits the Museum with the expectation of seeing the flag may be sure of finding it in its accustomed place."

And what a flag it is! Originally it measured 30 by 42 feet. It flew from a flagpole 90 feet high and the British had little difficulty riddling it with shot and shell. No wonder Francis Scott Key had little trouble picking it out in the dawn's early light.



THIS PICTURE SHOWS ENTRY INTO FORT McHENRY, through the arched tunnel. Buildings in background are barracks once used by defenders of the Fort in 1814. Fort McHenry now is one of our most popular national monuments.

—Photo by K. W. Coventry

Fort McHenry is now a national monument, visited by thousands of school children every year. Its historical museum contains many souvenirs from the War of 1812. It still overlooks a busy harbor where the sea commerce of the world daily passes in review.

What a stirring, soul-renewing experience it is to stand on those same battlements today and imagine the poet's delight in seeing that our flag was still there! In that historic sunrise our nation found a new birth of freedom that carried us over mountain and prairie to the Pacific.

The dawn's early light can have a similar significance for each one of us in our space-age struggles. The enemy still stands within range of our strong-walled bastion of freedom. All of us must do our part in defending our modern "Fort McHenrys" by climbing to the ramparts and keeping Old Glory high on the jackstaff of freedom.

We can do this best by "standing on the battlements" with the coming of each new day and renewing our faith that our God is still there.

'Personal Involvement'

A STORY by SHARON HILLERMAN BROOKS

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■ LEAH STONE ADJUSTED her perky little student nurse's cap before the mirror in the medicine room. How she loved her cap and what it stood for!

Leah had always wanted to be a nurse, even as a child, and now her dream was coming true.

Her mother had said that nursing was born in Leah, and as much as she loved it Leah wondered if her mother's saying might not be true.

The door behind her opened and Leah turned to face Glenna Bethers, another student nurse.

Surprise lit Glenna's brown eyes when she saw Leah.

"Why Leah Stone," gasped Glenna, "you aren't due to check in for 30 minutes! What are you doing here this early?"

Leah laughed happily at her friend's puzzlement. I just came a little early so that I would have plenty of time to wish a good afternoon to all of our patients. I just don't feel right unless I've done my best to cheer them up a bit before I start my duties."

"Oh Leah, you little nut," Glenna said laughingly, "you shouldn't care so much about these people! You act like they are all your personal responsibility! Why, in a few weeks most of them will be back in the world and you won't matter in the least to them!"

Leah smiled at Glenna.

"Maybe you're right, Glenna, but I must do all I can for them while they are here. Someone just has to care about these broken pieces of humanity."

"Leah you are a worry wart! Maybe you should care deeply, but you know what 'Hawk-Eyes' and the staff say! It's not wise to get personally involved with your patients. You are here to help heal their bodies. If they have problems, let them see a psychiatrist."

"I know what they say," Leah replied, a little sadly, "but good-afternoon rounds I am committed to from the heart."

"I'll see you tomorrow, Glenna"; and Leah waved a good-bye to her classmate.

As Leah started down the corridor, she thought again of what Glenna had said.

It was true that Mrs. Elliot, the superintendent of nursing, often stressed that nurses should not become involved in their patients' personal problems.

It was not an iron-clad rule, however. And Leah was thankful it wasn't because Mrs. Elliot was quite a taskmaster about her students obeying the rules. That was what had won her the name of "Hawk-Eyes" among the girls.

Leah was a Christian and she wanted to share her joys and faith with those who needed it most. This was a continual longing in her heart. That was why Leah was so glad that the "no personal involvement" bit did not apply to every situation.

"Early again, Miss Stone?" questioned the crisp voice of Mrs. Elliot.

Startled, Leah glanced up with a shy smile.

"Yes, I am, Mrs. Elliot," Leah replied, meeting the superintendent's stern eyes clearly.

Mrs. Elliot stood still for a moment, searching Leah's lovely clear features, then she moved on without another word.

Leah's heart tripped a little faster with gladness because Mrs. Elliot had not castigated her.

Stopping outside of old Mr. Hobbs' room, Leah rapped softly. "Come in," called out the feeble voice. Leah stepped inside the room, a beaming smile upon her lips.

"Miss Leah," the old man sighed, his watery blue eyes lighting with pleasure. "I knew you'd come," and he reached out his bony hand.

"Of course, I came, Mr. Hobbs! Shall I read for you again this afternoon?"

"How I wish you would, Miss Leah," he answered happily.

Leah picked up his well-worn Bible and turned to Psalm 23. Slowly and clearly she began to read, her words charged with emotion and love for the beloved chapter.

As she read, tears trickled down Mr. Hobbs' age-lined cheeks and his



eyes held a faraway gaze as though he could already see the Good Shepherd.

From Mr. Hobbs' room, Leah went on to the wards. She read letters, addressed envelopes and dropped a word of cheer wherever she could.

Leah had visited most of the patients when she came to room 312. Her feet began to lag and her spirit began to dim.

There was nothing she could do for the young girl in this room—an attempted suicide. Nothing except tell her of the Lord Jesus Christ who loved her.

Leah knew the story of Margie Tyler, picked up mostly from hospital gossip.

Margie was the daughter of a wealthy family. She had fallen in love with a handsome young man and they had become engaged.

On the day of their wedding with over 500 guests invited, the young man had not shown up.

Margie had been so humiliated and brokenhearted that she had locked herself in her room and swallowed a bottle of sleeping pills.

Fortunately, the maid found her and her life had been spared.

Most of the hospital staff said

Margie would try to do away with herself again when she was released from the hospital.

Leah did not doubt that she would. A black cloud of depression surrounded Leah as she approached room 312.

As Leah paused outside of Margie's room, the sound of crying met her ears.

Margie needed help! Not just from a psychiatrist, but from Christ who could heal her heart!

Leah opened the door and without hesitancy walked to Margie's bedside.

"Margie," Leah said quietly, "I want to get involved in your problems by telling you how you can get rid of them."

Margie lifted her tear-stained face and curled her lips scornfully. "The only way I'll get rid of my troubles is to be dead! Haven't you heard, I'm the reject! Get out of here, pill-peddler, and leave me alone!"—and she buried her face in her pillow again.

Leah took a deep, determined breath, and spoke quietly, "In a way you are right, Margie. The only way you will get over your troubles is to be dead, dead to Margie Tyler. If you were rejected harshly, perhaps God was trying to jolt you into committing your life to Him so that you would find out what a worthwhile use He has for you. Christ spared your life. He must want you in His fold. He must have a need for Margie Tyler if she could just forgive herself for others laughing at her."

Margie sat up, her tears stopped and she stared in wonder at Leah.

"What's your name," she asked sharply.

Leah gulped, wondering if her nursing career was about to go down the drain.

"Leah Stone," she replied.

"Well, Leah Stone," Margie said firmly, "you are the first person who has really told me what they thought. The other nurses are all falsely cheerful or pitying, but they don't give a hang. You seem to care whether I live or die, why?"

Leah answered happily, "Oh, I do care, Margie! I am a Christian, and I want everyone else to have the happiness which the Lord Jesus Christ has brought into my life."

"Can I have it?" questioned Margie.

"Oh yes," bubbled Leah, and she began explaining the way of salvation to a destitute soul.

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Lincoln's Proclamation Stressing Prayer Effective Today More Than Ever

A Proclamation for a Day of National Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer

*By His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln,
President of the U. S. A.*

WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme authority and just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation.

And whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

And inasmuch as we know that by His Divine law, nations, like individuals, are subject to punishments in this world: May we not greatly fear that the awful calamity of the cruel war which now desolates the land, may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptive sins, to the needful end of our National reformation as a whole people.

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But We Have Forgotten God!

We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. And have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were

produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of National Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer. And I do hereby request all the people to abstain on that day from all their ordinary, secular pursuits, and to unite in their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord and devoted to the discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in hope, authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less the pardon of our national sins, the restoration of our now divided and suffering country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.



Done at the City of Washington the 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1863.

Signed by
Abraham Lincoln
President of the U. S. A.

TOO FEW HOMES HAVE BIBLES

Only half of Christian homes have Bibles! Despite the fact that the Bible enjoys the reputation as the all-time best seller, a recent worldwide survey discloses that there are no Bibles in half of all so-called Christian homes. The United Bible Societies' survey further showed that only one Christian in eight possesses a New Testament. In North America it is estimated that one person out of five has a Bible.

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BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATES 38

On Saturday, May 29, the Bethany Bible College Commencement exercises were held on the college campus. At that time 30 students received their Bachelor of Arts Degrees and eight students received Three-Year Diplomas, making a total of 38 students in the Class of 1965.



Pictured left to right above are: Row 1: Reuben Sequiera, Doug Holck, Jerry Walton, Robert Hughes, Dawson Wheeler, Kent Ferguson, John Gordon, Jim Witty. Row 2: Boris Prasoloff, Melvin Schmidt, Orville Easterly, David Lim, John Rodli, Don Burwell, Hubert Book, David Elmes. Row 3: (those in white are three-year diploma graduates) Kuipo Kenui, Suzanne Taylor, Edith Greer, Ted MacDowell, Richard Kruse, Georgia Mullins, Cynthia Chriss, Karlene Thompson. Front row: Judith Foster, Sharon Meleen, Janice Burns, Lois Magruder, Carol Brown, Nora O'Banion. Not pictured: Ron Ballard, Bob Glenn, Clarence Howard, Vernon Ragsdale, Brendia Stone, Robert Stone, Derrill Sturgeon, Noah Van Hook.

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Assembly Chaplains Convene in Washington, D.C.

TEN MILITARY CHAPLAINS of Northern California and Nevada District attend an International Conference of Assemblies of God Chaplains recently convened in Washington, D.C. Pictured are, back row, left to right: Lt. Ardon Schmidt, USAF; Lt. Wayne Crawford, CAP; Capt. Richard Wood, USAF. Middle row, left to right: Major Wayne Rowland, USAF; Lt. Leonard L. Ahrensbrak, USN; Capt. Richard Hartman, USA. Front row, left to right: Rev. Dick Fulmer, Missionary to Servicemen in Europe; Lt.-Comdr. David Plank, USN; Lt.-Col. Joseph L. Gerhart, USAF (Ret.); Lt.-Col. James Woods, USA. District Active Duty Chaplains unable to attend were: Capt. Jules Ballas, USA; Lt.-Col. Dudley Boyd, USA; Lt.-Col. John Lindvall, USA; Capt. John Simpson, USA; and Capt. James H. Cotton, USA.



EVANGELIST LEN MILLER

... reports successful meetings in the churches throughout the District. He requests prayer for physical strength as he continues to minister almost nightly month after month.

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'We Remember' Tribute

Your reporter just recently learned of a very beautiful tribute which is paid each Memorial Day by Rev. and Mrs. Ed Anderson to the memory of our late District Superintendent, Rev. W. T. Gaston. The Andersons purchased the Gaston home from Mrs. Gaston a number of years ago, and it has been their residence since that time. Each Memorial Day since Bro. Gaston's death (1956) they have cut fresh flowers, including beautiful roses planted and tended by Bro. Gaston during his lifetime, and have placed them on his grave. Having learned of this thoughtful and meaningful expression from the Andersons, your reporter accompanied them this year on Memorial Day and took the photo at the graveside.



REV. AND MRS. ED ANDERSON

WMC-M'tte Rally at Ely

On May 14, the Northern Nevada Section of the Northern California and Nevada District held its first WMC and Missionette Rally of 1965, at Ely, Nevada.

Five of the ministers presented a missionary skit, "Tightwad Townend's Eyes are Opened." It was well presented and well received. No rehearsal had been possible because of distance, but the characters were superbly depicted and play properties automatically employed.

Mrs. David Schmidt's message to a large audience, though there had been rain and some snow, was the high point of the Rally. She spoke on "Eagle Christians. Women's Missionary Council of Ely served an excellent dinner.

Rev. W. O. Vickery Elected To Fill Dist. Sec.-Treasurer Post

Members of the Northern California and Nevada District extend a hand of welcome to Rev. and Mrs. William O. Vickery, Susan and Loren. Bro. Vickery has begun his duties as the newly-elected District Secretary-Treasurer, and soon will be moving his family to Santa Cruz from Santa Rosa.

Bro. Vickery transferred from the Texas District a number of years ago as a licensed minister. He was associated with Pastor C. Ely Pering at the



WILLIAM O. VICKERY

Richmond Full Gospel Temple for a short time and later pastored at Walnut Creek, San Rafael, Novato, and Santa Rosa. He has served for a number of years as a District Presbyter and more recently as Executive Presbyter.

Having served on various District committees and boards during the past years, Bro. Vickery is familiar with much of the procedure and policy of the District. He is an able man and brings to the District Office experience and capabilities which will be of much value as he serves in this new capacity.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Of the 300 outstanding high school science students attending the recent National Youth Conference on the Atom in Chicago, 85 percent stated they were devoutly religious and attended church regularly; more than half said they held a position of leadership in their local church youth group.

(Action . . . April, 1965)

JOSEPH L. GERHART
District Superintendent



ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING



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CHURCH NEWS

ANGEL'S CAMP

Faith Chapel recently concluded a week of very successful Kid's Crusade with Evangelists Harold and Hilde Tubbs. They have one of the most outstanding programs we have had the privilege of hearing. There were 74 children registered and many expressed their desire to receive Christ. The record evening attendance was 68.

—Pastor Fred C. Howe

CHOWCHILLA

First Assembly C.A.'s and Robertson Blvd. group joined together for five nights of services leading up to National C.A. Day. The meetings were excellent with a different speaker for each night and a panel discussion one night. The panel was composed of Pastor J. L. Jeffrey and Pastor Floyd Baker along with four members of the congregations. C.A.'s were allowed to ask questions on various subjects, and the panel gave a Biblical answer according to the Scriptures.

—Pastor Floyd W. Baker

FALLON, NEVADA

Rev. Fred Greve conducted a Training Course for the Fallon and Gabbs Assemblies. The attendance was excellent, and all who were present from night to night were greatly inspired and blessed by the instruction received.

—Pastor T. E. Fourt

GABBS, NEVADA

Evangelist and Mrs. R. H. Bishop were with us for a week's Revival Crusade. Our church was greatly blessed and the people encouraged. Our only regret was that their schedule was so full they could stay only the one week. We hope to have them return again at a later date.

—Pastors Zelma Strasdin and Rose Mary Berlin



EVANGELIST AND MRS. R. H. BISHOP

MODESTO, BETHEL CHURCH

Mr. Bryan Smith has formed a Missionary Team to minister in the Orient and Islands of the Pacific. Pastor L. B. Lewis has been selected to be a member of the Team along with Radio Evangelist C. M. Ward and William Severn. They are scheduled to leave S. F. for the Orient on June 21 and be gone for about six weeks.

OLIVEHURST

Rev. Edwin Cole was the dedication speaker at First Assembly on May 3. A lovely bronze plaque was placed on the church making the completion of the entire facility which is valued at over \$100,000. A new record of 409 was reached recently in the Sunday School. The Pastor, Rev. Searl W. Stover, has served the Assembly for 13 years.

—John J. Menear, Board Member



1—FIRST ASSEMBLY AT OLIVEHURST

2—PASTOR AND MRS. STOVER AT PULPIT

RIO VISTA

Evangelist T. P. Beck of Salinas recently has concluded a series of services. His faith building ministry will be a blessing to any church. As one man in our congregation put it, "Bro. Beck's ministry has been worth more than a million dollars to me." Several miraculous physical healings occurred during the meetings. The Assembly entered a float in a recent Bass Derby parade which captured special awards.

—Pastor Ray Hackett

PACIFIC GROVE

Rev. and Mrs. David Elmes have recently become assistants to Pastor Dennis Davis. Dave is a 1965 graduate of Bethany Bible College, and Patti was employed at the District Office. The Elmes are talented young people and will be valuable workers in the Pacific Grove Assembly.



REV. AND MR. DAVID ELMES

SALINAS

Sup't. Joseph L. Gerhart was a recent guest speaker at Calvary Assembly. We are expecting to begin actual building on our new church facilities within the very near future.

—Pastor Ray O. Oliver

SAN CARLOS

Pastor and Mrs. Mel Grams are looking forward to returning to Africa within the near future, the Lord willing. The Lord has blessed their ministry in San Carlos and given the congregation good numerical and spiritual growth. Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart was a recent guest minister.

SOUTH TAHOE

The Sierra Nevada Fellowship Meeting was conducted at the South Shore Assembly where the Rev. Geo. Branch is pastor. Bro. Joseph L. Gerhart was the special speaker for the occasion.

—Presbyter Wayne Crawford

SAN JOSE

The Rev. Frank Boyd recently presented three nights of outstanding Bible study at Bethel Church. In his inimitable way, Bro. Boyd described many of the awe-inspiring features of the physical universe; then he proceeded to paint a heart-warming picture of the relationship of the Creator and man. On the following two evenings we were given insight into the Scriptures surrounding the restoration of Israel to Palestine. We were also taken into the prophecies concerning the mid-east and its part in the overall picture of the "last days".

—Pastor Leland R. Keys



SIX-MONTHS-OLD BRUCE ALLEN RANDOLPH is pictured as he was dedicated to the Lord in a special ceremony conducted by Sup't. Joseph L. Gerhart at the District Office during the regular morning prayer service. Pastor and Mrs. Allen Randolph of Granite City, Illinois, are well known in this District, as Allen graduated from Bethany Bible College, and Betty-Gayle was employed at the District Office. The Randolphs were united in marriage by Bro. Gerhart and Bro. Randolph's father (now deceased) and have pastored in Granite City since that time.

SANTO DOMINGO

Chaplain John A. Lindvall writes: "It seems to be my privilege to visit and encourage believers during times of crisis . . . now I find myself in Santo Domingo. I have had the privilege of speaking in two Assemblies . . . although one is outside our 'corridor' or safe zone. We are involved in food distribution and have given out several hundred tons. On the first Sunday here, I met a missionary in the city who told me the strongest Protestant group in the country is the Assemblies of God. One day coming by jeep thru a village it began to rain. I happened to see a Chapel with the sign, 'Assamblea de Dio.' The door was open, so I had my Sgt. stop and we went in to find a service going on. As I spoke to them, I found the same warm response and fellowship you find among Pentecostals everywhere."

TAIWAN

"Land for our new church, located right in the center of Tainan city, is now ours. We thank you for praying, and thank God for this miracle. NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN . . . We are short of funds to complete the church. By faith we are signing a contract and starting to build, but we cannot finish unless you help us. The total cost for an adequate, functional, two-story building will be \$12,000.00 This will give us Sunday School and youth facilities downstairs and an airy auditorium upstairs. Our Tainan Christians are giving faithfully. For those of you who have paid your faith promise for a seat in this church, many thanks. If you have not been able to, but can do so now—now is the time we need your help most . . . We deeply appreciate the interest and prayers of all of you. God richly bless you each one." . . . —James and Marjorie Baker



MISSIONS ITEMS

EL SALVADOR

"These have been exciting days. The only damage from the earthquake in our house was some broken dishes, but thousands are homeless. Arthur left for Colombia four days before the earthquake. He will be in Bogotá for several weeks and then on to Ecuador for two weeks with the Paul Coopers and Lowell Dowdys. My mother is visiting us from Pacific Grove..."

—Janie Lindvall

BERLIN, GERMANY

"Adolf Hitler built the auditorium as a gift to the city of Flensburg, Germany, on the Danish border! God helped us to secure it in March for an Evangelistic campaign in that city famous as the 'rum-making center' for the nation! The Lord gave victory with beautiful conversions and lives transformed by the grace of Christ. God sent a flowing stream of healing power and the whole front of the auditorium was crowded on the final night as people came to testify that the Lord saved them, healed them or baptized them with the Holy Spirit . . . Pastor Reinhard Bonnke and his people are praising God and seeking a larger place for their Assembly as they are crowded out."

—Harold Herman

MALAYSIA

At our recent General Conference, Don was given a new job as Secretary-Treasurer of the Field . . . We ordained our first graduates of BIM at the Conference, including some from the Ecclesia Bible School in Hong Kong. It is good to see the field maturing.

—Don and Ruby McMurray

SOUTH AFRICA

"Showers of blessing have fallen to revival-parched souls. Not only has the anointing of the Spirit of God been felt here in chapel and classes at the Bible Training Institute, but we have had the privilege of visiting different areas of this needy land and have seen the graduates putting theory into action . . . Our one and only complaint is that we cannot cope with the great, ever-increasing demand for trained workers . . . We do appreciate the Northern California-Nevada District Officers, pastors, and Assemblies, without whom we could never continue this great and important work."

—James and Beryl Stewart

ALASKA

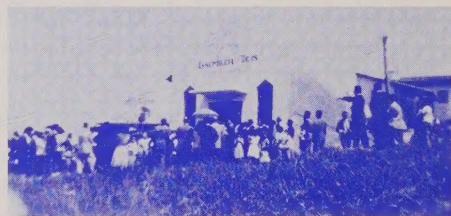
Agne Rodli writes that he is serving the Lord once more in a very remote area in the Indian village of Minto. The Holy Spirit is working and pray-ers are desired for revival fires to continue to burn.

BRAZIL

Antonette Johnson writes of a tremendous move of God's spirit in the salvation of souls, healing of bodies, and infilling of the Holy Spirit. She says, "It makes us think of the early church as we read in Acts. It also reminds me of the move we had in America when I was very young and came into Pentecost at the age of 13."



New converts at Jandira, Brazil, being baptized in water. One received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit while being baptized in water.



NEW ASSEMBLY at Jandira, Brazil, established this year by Missionary Antonette Johnson.



STREET MEETING in Jandira, Brazil, where Missionary Antonette Johnson has established a new Assembly this year.



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS
STEPHEN ASMUTH, President

Testimony of George Weising, USN, Revealing

(The Story of a Sailor)

I joined the Navy on Sept. 4, 1964. The next day, a group of us were flying to San Diego for boot camp. My heart was really burdened, and I knew that if I were to stand for the Lord, I would have to keep up my testimony. When we arrived at the airport, we went into the restaurant to have dinner. I bowed my head and asked the Lord to bless my food. I am glad I made my stand for Christ at that time.

In boot camp I soon became known as the "Deac" and "Rev." One evening I was asked to lead the fellows in the "Lord's Prayer" before "taps". Soon I started reading the Bible to them. After the lights were out, I would lead in the Lord's Prayer. Sunday night I invited the fellows over to South Chapel where they would hear the Gospel of Christ. We had wonderful meetings and many souls were saved.

In December of 1964 I was transferred from Whidbey Island, Wash., to the USS Hornet. The Hornet is an aircraft carrier used for anti-submarine warfare purposes. Many in the past have warned me that it is harder to live a Christian life on sea duty than on shore duty. With this in mind, prior to boarding the Hornet, I asked the Lord to put me in the right position where I would be of the best service to Him. I am thankful that I made my stand for Christ at the start. The fellows deep down in their hearts really respected me even though they ridiculed me.

Chaplain Thompson, the Protestant chaplain, was holding noon-day devotions each day; so I started attending regularly. I soon found other Christians as myself, who were interested in spiritual things. One day after devotions, the chaplain asked me if I would like to work for him. Now I am his assistant.

I find that the most important essential to living a Christian life, when

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Wilkerson Attracts Large Crowds at U.C. 'Cross and Switchblade' Talk

Two thousand University of California students and faculty were on hand to hear Dave Wilkerson speak on Sproul Hall steps at 12 noon, May 18. Rev. Wilkerson spoke concerning "a new dimension" in the cure of drug addiction among the teen-agers and older youth of America. His audience was held in rapt attention as he spoke under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, explaining that Jesus Christ is the answer. Never before has the Gospel been proclaimed with such force, boldness and clarity on the Cal campus. Rev. Wilkerson broke this message into two parts in order to allow Jessie, a convert from New York City, to give his testimony of complete deliverance from 16 years of addiction to drugs.

After the message, nearly 200 students literally rushed up the steps to quiz Jessie and other converts from Teen Challenge in San Francisco. These students stayed for 2½ hours talking to members of Chi Alpha and Teen Challenge about Christ. It was thrilling to behold! A number of our own ministers and other Christians joined in the talks, including several Spirit-filled Presbyterian and Baptist ministers. One student definitely is known to have accepted Christ shortly after the meeting.

During the week prior to his arrival,

members of Chi Alpha, who had invited Dave Wilkerson to speak, passed out 5,000 free copies of a special student edition of "The Cross and the Switchblade." Rev. Dick Williams, Director of Chi Alpha Student Center, reports that the books were given away at the rate of 1,000 per hour. Students were incredulous that anyone would give books away, and took them only with the complete assurance that they were free. The books were well received and still are being eagerly read.

Later in the afternoon at our Chi Alpha Student Center, Rev. Wilkerson answered questions put to him in a gathering of over 40 students. In the evening, at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 250 students gathered to hear him speak again. At the close of the meeting, seven came forward to accept Christ. Among them was a local gang leader and narcotic addict.

How remarkable are the results as hardened and sophisticated students continue to come to the Center seeking copies of the book and the Word of the Lord! We have by no means seen the end of results. The Wilkerson visit is a significant crack in the hard wall of this ultra-intellectual community.



DAVE WILKERSON, DIRECTOR OF TEEN CHALLENGE, N.Y.C., and author of "The Cross and the Switchblade," speaks to a crowd of 2,000 students at University of California's Sproul Hall steps, scene of recent FSSM rallies and demonstrations. Members and director of Teen Challenge, San Francisco, stand by as Dave speaks.

IDEAS FOR RETARDING

The Ruins of Raging Temperatures

by REV. GEORGE ELROD, Chico, First Assembly

1. Call a staff meeting at once. Sound the alarm in the name of the Lord. Have definite plans to present. Don't wait until May if you want maximum results! Have several workers give two-minute "challenges". Set goals.
2. Take staff decisions to the entire Church and Sunday School. Cause them to FEEL the burden of the entire staff to make THIS summer count for Christ. Have a special time for dedication to this task.
3. Adopt an appropriate slogan for the summer campaign. Lead the entire Church to adopt it. Repeat the slogan at every opportunity—in announcements, direct mail, and by various means in your Sunday School program. Here are a few illustrations of possible summer slogans:

"THIS summer will not pass without MY neighbor being saved!"

"SOULS, not slump, this Summer!"

"Harvest time — Summer, 1965!"

"United for the Savior THIS Summer!"

4. Draw up, print, and distribute a pledge card on which the individual promises to attend every Sunday during the summer, and to encourage the attendance of others. If one Sunday vacation absence is permitted, encourage each one to attend Sunday School wherever he may be while on vacation.
5. Increase "Between Sunday activities for classes—a meeting in the park, or a special project geared to the interests of a given age.
6. Step up your contact efforts: a telephone campaign, more direct mail, and more community visitation. True, this sort of effort usually is reserved for the fall. But surprise your community by such an activity during the seasonal lull.
7. Check to see that in evangelistic and all other Church services, you have a working means for obtaining information from visitors, as to their Sunday School attendance. Make sure each visitor is contacted in behalf of the Sunday School before the following Sunday.

AND, AS A FOUNDATION TO THESE AND OTHER PROMOTIONAL IDEAS, look into the face of Jesus. See how He yearns, even during the summer. Then armed with HIS Spirit, go forth to reach, teach, and win. Thus, summer, 1965, will not be a slump but a season for spiritual and numerical victory!



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BLESSED is the teacher who practices what he presents to his pupils, for he shall teach them.

BLESSED is the teacher who gives an invitation to accept Christ, for he shall see his pupils make definite decisions for the Saviour.

BLESSED is the teacher who cooperates with the superintendent, for his teaching shall be appreciated.

BLESSED is the teacher who tithes, for his pupils shall find it blessed to give more than pennies.

BLESSED is the teacher who learns new teaching techniques, for his pupils shall become engrossed in the lesson.

BLESSED is the teacher who studies the psychological aspects of his pupils, for he shall influence their whole lives.

BLESSED is the teacher who doesn't look for outward recognition, for he shall hear the Saviour's "well done".

'Sufferin' in Chains', Yet!

Leonard Couchman, pastor of the Los Banos Assembly, has the same favorite song as most of us, "The Old Rugged Cross." He particularly likes the words, "On a hill far away stood an old, rugged cross, the Emblem of suffering and shame."

He was surprised about a year ago to hear his daughter, Sharon, then six, singing ever so sincerely, "On a hill far away stood an old, rugged cross, And the angels all sufferin' in chains."

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Do *you* see any that we could do without? If you would like a free pamphlet, write to this office asking for the one word, "Standard." It is a good time to make a preliminary check, and perhaps you can work on some of these things between now and Sept. 26.



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON, President

Central San Joaquin Sect.

Holds Bi-Monthly Rally

The Women's Missionary Council of the Central San Joaquin Section recently held their Bi-Monthly Rally at the Ceres Central Assembly under the direction of Mrs. Viola Golusin, Sectional Director. The James Berry family, missionary appointee to Senegal, Africa, were the missionary speakers. The Central San Joaquin section was especially blessed during the past year with the splendid cooperation of pastors and W.M.C. groups in the section and were honored with a trophy during the last District Council meeting for their missionary contributions. The W.M.C.'s gave \$2,113.03 for missionary projects, also \$600.00 in pennies to the District Penny program and then gave liberally to the district commissary, clothing and canned goods both for the missionaries and Bethany Bible College. The W.M.C.'s of the Central San Joaquin Section are anxious to do even more during the next year. They feel that we need to "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Rev. and Mrs. Golusin left May 18 for a few months of ministry in Yugoslavia. Mrs. Agnes Bell will fulfill the sectional W.M.C. responsibilities during the absence of Sister Golusin.



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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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Royal Rangers "Pow Wow" conducted by the Men's Fellowship at Camp Tamarancho near Fairfax, California, on June 4-5. Over 400 men and boys participated in the event. Rev. Ron Ballard and Mr. Max Nungesser were in charge of the outing.

1—Royal Rangers District Adjutant, Rev. Ron Ballard, and Royal Rangers District Chaplain Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart. Bro. Gerhart, District Supt., spoke to the Rangers on Saturday A.M., and was attired in his Army uniform—he is a retired Chaplain with the rank of Colonel.

2—Rangers' Color Guard presents Colors in the early morning hours.

3—Rangers post "Outpost" sign near their camp.

4—Rangers at play on old covered wagon at camp. Boy Scout Camp Tamarancho provided facilities for successful camp.

5—Typical outdoors camping and dining. "Living it up."

6—Outpost Commander Jerry Flory and Rangers from First Church in Oakland, California.

7—Fireside circle. In addition to the spiritual benefit of the camp, the boys had lessons in "Nature," "Cookcraft," and "First Aid."

8—Rev. Harry Leacock, Camp speaker. At the Fireside Circle on Friday evening, 25 Rangers responded to the invitation to receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

9—A bird's-eye view of over 400 men and boys who made the effort to attend—but unseen here is the joy and blessing of many of these lay-brethren who went home tired but thrilled with the spiritual impact of this first annual "Pow-Wow".

S.F. TEEN CHALLENGE CENTER HAS NEW DIRECTOR

Rev. and Mrs. Grady L. Fannin recently have come to our San Francisco Teen Challenge to serve as Directors of the Center. Bro. Fannin is a former District Superintendent of the Northern New England District, having resigned that position in 1961 to work with Dave Wilkerson in Teen Challenge in Brooklyn. Later he went to Chicago as Director of the Center at the request of Rev. Gayle F. Lewis, National Home Missions Director. We are happy to welcome the Fannins into the District and trust that God will give them an excellent ministry.

Also new at the S. F. Center is the Rev. Donald Wilkins, who is working

as Director of Evangelism. Bro. Wilkins and family left Central Bible Institute in the Spring of 1964 to work in the New York City Center. In the Fall of 1964, Bro. Wilkins became co-assistant to Dave Wilkerson as Director of Evangelism. The major responsibility of Bro. Wilkins is the actual street evangelism, personal witnessing to derelicts and others who may be contacted and training of those who come to know Christ through the ministry of Teen Challenge.

We would encourage our readers to put Teen Challenge high on your prayer list.



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With clasped hands, the two girls presented Margie's life to God.

A week passed, a week during which the hospital saw a new Margie Tyler! A week when she smiled and showed love for everyone.

One day when Leah arrived early as she usually did, Mrs. Elliot was waiting for her. "Leah," she said sternly, "come into my office."

Leah stood meekly before her desk, praying silently that she had not done anything wrong.

"Leah, I could not help but notice the change in Miss Tyler. I have heard that this change came about because you became personally involved in her problems. Is this true?" Mrs. Elliot fixed her stern eyes on Leah.

"Yes, Ma'am," replied Leah.

"Reports of your involvement in the problems of almost all of the patients have reached me. Are these true also?"

"Yes, they are," replied Leah. "You see, I am a Christian, Mrs. Elliot, and I want others to have the joy I know."

Mrs. Elliot's face softened into a smile.

"Go peddle your happiness, Miss Stone. And while you're at it, peddle a little to the other nurses. We all need what you have."

"I'll do my best, Mrs. Elliot," replied Leah, her heart singing "thank you" to her Saviour.

Testimony of G. Weising

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ther on ship or at home, is daily devotions. Each morning I make it a habit to read my Bible and pray in our chapel. The Lord is so much more precious to me when I remember Him in prayer and He is with me through the day, keeping me from temptations. As we have a direct line of fellowship with Christ through prayer, His love radiates through us, influencing live around us.

On Sunday, July 4, the nation will be observing Independence Day, and Assemblies of God churches will be observing National Servicemen's Day. Please pray for our young people in military service and the nation on this special day.

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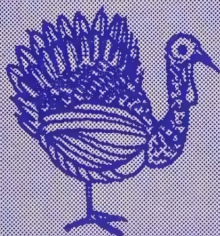
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